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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Yellow fever in the United States.

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 3,357; deaths, 443 from July 21 to October 18, inclusive.

Daily reports from New Orleans:

Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	New foci.
October 12	43	3	12
October 13	25	4	6
October 14	19	5	7
October 15	9	3	2
October 16	15	3	4
October 17	6	1	2
October 18	5	0	2

October 9. Acting Assistant Surgeon Griffiths, Cairo, Ill., reported:

The matter of messengers accompanying Fruit Dispatch trains from New Orleans and Mobile is causing trouble with the State quarantine here again. The matter was adjusted previously by the Fruit Dispatch Company agreeing to have a relay established at Jackson, Tenn., and messengers from any point farther south than that city forbidden entrance into Illinois. Recently this agreement has been disregarded by the Dispatch Company and their messengers have practiced going from New Orleans to Oden, a point north of the quarantine line, obtaining permits through friends and entering Cairo. The Illinois State board of health has now forbidden messengers of the company entrance into the State hailing from any point south of the southern boundary of Illinois, and demands assurance from the general superintendent of the company that the order be not again violated; otherwise the State board proposes to interdict entrance of banana trains from Mobile and New Orleans. Warm days and cool nights prevail and quarantine will likely not be raised until frost here.

October 9 and 10. Surgeon Guitéras reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

Six new cases, 1 death. Greene reports from Port Gibson 3 new cases on the 7th and 2 on the 8th.

Four new cases, no deaths. Doctor —— acquitted on first charge, and, according to ruling of judge, will be acquitted on others. Inspection service useless, and will be withdrawn to-morrow. State guards around Vicksburg will be removed to-morrow by order of Governor Vardaman. Weather cool, and frost announced for Thursday. Greene reports nothing new at Port Gibson yesterday.

October 9, 10, 11, and 12. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La.:

Three cases, 1 death. Three cases Atherton.

Four cases, 1 death. Two cases Atherton. I am going to Atherton for a personal inspection.

Three cases; no new foci; no deaths. North wind; minimum temperature 50.

One case, 1 death. Yesterday temperature 1 a. m., 50°; 6 a. m., 44°. Light frost.

October 9, 10, 11, and 12. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

Three cases, 1 death, Vicksburg; 8 cases, Natchez; 1 new case, 1 death, Hamburg; 6 cases, Roxie; 1 case, Rosetta. McMullen reported from Hamburg.

Hamburg, 1; Gulfport, 5; Rosetta, 2; Port Gibson, 2; Natchez, 6; Roxie, 2 suspicious cases. Hunter has supplied McMullen with all material requested for screening, fumigation, and labor.

Natchez, 5 cases; Vicksburg, 5; Port Gibson, 3; Hamburg, none; Gulfport, 1. Shipment material to McMullen delayed on account cool weather.

Mississippi City, 2 cases; Roxie, 1 suspect; Natchez, 5 cases; Port Gibson, 4 cases; Vicksburg, 2 cases; Hamburg, 1 death. At my suggestion Hunter has employed 8 experienced fumigators in New Orleans, and they will reach Hamburg in morning. Light frost last night. No new cases Lake Providence; first blank day since beginning.

October 9, 10, 11, and 12. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

No new cases at any point to-day. Scranton matter seems settled by Governor Vardaman's decision to let them alone.

Five new cases here to-day; none elsewhere.

One new case here to-day. Movement looking to lifting all guards lines in the State about the 15th. I think we may safely consider lifting maritime patrol at the same time if conditions remain as now.

Two new cases at Mississippi City. Light frost this morning general along coast. I believe it safe to relax our quarantine restrictions.

October 10. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases yesterday 22, deaths 4; total cases to date 275, total deaths 42; under treatment 123. The British Vice-Consul died last night.

Ask your advice. As fever is spreading over entire city with concealment of cases and determined opposition by a large class of citizenship, do you think any further good can be accomplished by continuing fumigation? The expense is great; number cases increases rather than diminishes, and I can not see any minimization being accomplished. Please advise me.

To Sanitary Inspector Porter:

* * * Bureau advises continuing fumigation and other suppressive measures, notwithstanding spread of disease and local opposition. Can send you Berry, immune, to aid and cooperate with you. Wire quickly if you wish him. Have mailed you to-day several hundred printed copies entitled "How to Prevent Yellow Fever," for general distribution, which may greatly aid you in your work.

October 10, 11, and 12. From Sanitary Inspector Porter:

Thanks for offer of assistance in Berry, but I do not need help in that direction; have sufficient. It is less concealment of cases and more cooperation by citizens that are the desideratum just now. Will appreciate the literature and will follow advice in continuing fumigation. Have a well-organized force.

Number cases yesterday (10th), 32, deaths, 3; total cases to date, 307, total deaths, 48; cases under treatment, 149. New cases to-day, 24, deaths, none; total cases to date, 331, total deaths, 45; under treatment, 165.

New cases to-day, 23, deaths, 3; total cases to date, 354, total deaths, 48; under treatment, 181.

October 11. Passed Assistant Surgeon Berry was ordered to return from Gulfport, Miss., to New Orleans, and to report to Surgeon White for special temporary duty.

October 11 and 12. Surgeon Banks reported that on the former date 32 refugees were admitted to Camp Murray, Florida, and 24 discharged, leaving a total of 78 in camp, and that on the latter date 24 were admitted and 19 discharged.

October 11 and 14. From Dr. Edmond Souchon, president of the State board of health, New Orleans, La.:

Can you not withdraw, about October 20, order of August 21 imposing five days' detention at quarantine of vessels from Colon regardless of disinfection port of departure, provided vessels are fumigated upon arriving at quarantine?

Steamship *Preston*, from Colon, arrived quarantine October 11, now ten days from Colon. Agents request release Sunday night; urgent business reasons. Wire if you consent. Vessel fumigated Colon and refumigated quarantine. All well on board.

October 15 and 16. To Dr. Souchon:

Replying to your telegram of October 14, steamship *Preston*, now twelve days from Colon, fumigated there, refumigated at your station October 11, may on your recommendation be released if all well at final inspection. This is not a precedent nor a reply to your telegram of October 11, which will be answered to-morrow.

Replying to your telegram of October 11 inquiring whether the order of August 21 imposing five days' detention at quarantine on vessels from Colon, etc., can not be withdrawn about October 20, I have to state that under the regular regulations this order is in existence only until November 1. It is not desirable, therefore, to change the order on account of only eleven days.

October 11, 13, 15, and 16. From Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss.:

Six new cases, no deaths. Weather cool; frost probably to-night. Greene reports 3 new cases at Port Gibson. Consider situation improved.

Yesterday's report 2 new cases, no deaths. Minimum temperature for last three days 50°, 45°, and 50°. Frost yesterday morning. Epidemic practically terminated.

One case, no deaths.

Four new cases, 2 deaths; 2 new cases in Warren County. General fumigation fairly complied with to-day. Greene reports for Port Gibson 3 cases, 1 death yesterday, and 2 cases to-day.

One case, 1 death in city; only 14 under treatment. One case in the country. Weather continues warm and unfavorable.

October 12. Surgeon White reported his departure from New Orleans for Mobile to confer with State Health Officer Sanders. After his return to New Orleans he reported his departure for Jackson, Miss., for conference with Secretary Hunter of the Mississippi State board of health, concerning passenger traffic.

October 13. From State Health Officer Sanders, Castleberry, Ala.:

I report 2 cases of yellow fever at this place, both fatal. Source of infection not yet traced.

October 13, 14, 15, and 16. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:
Three new cases in Gulfport.

One new case in Gulfport to-day.

Conference last night at Jackson with White and Hunter; agreed not to lift quarantine for some time on persons. Relays of equipment to be abolished.

One new case at Gulfport to-day.

October 13, 14, 15, and 16. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases 29, deaths 3; total cases to date, 383, total deaths, 51; cases under treatment, 187.

New cases to-day 11, deaths 1; total cases to date, 394, total deaths, 53; under treatment, 180. 92 houses fumigated.

New cases to-day 16, deaths 2; total cases to date, 410; total deaths, 55; cases under treatment, 184. Heavy rain nearly all day prevented fumigation.

Cases to-day 7, deaths 2; total cases to date, 417, total deaths, 55; under treatment, 178. Houses fumigated to-day, 194.

October 14. Passed Assistant Surgeon Rosenau, on duty at New Orleans, was ordered to rejoin his station, the Hygienic Laboratory, Washington.

October 14, 15, and 16. From Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Jackson, Miss.:

Port Gibson, 3 cases, 1 death; Vicksburg, 1 case; Hamburg, no new cases; Natchez, 6 cases; Gulfport, 1 case.

Natchez, 7 cases, 1 death; Vicksburg, 4 cases, 2 deaths, with 2 cases and 2 deaths in the county; Port Gibson and Hamburg not heard from.

Gulfport, 1; Port Gibson, 1; Vicksburg 1 and 1 death, and 1 case in the county; Natchez, 3; Hamburg, 1.

October 15 and 16. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported from Lake Providence, La.:

No new cases, no deaths. All sick doing well. Time for frost. Increase due to mosquitoes seeking shelter. Coming week will decide matter. Weather much warmer. No new cases, no deaths; cases from the county reported yesterday found to be malaria. Four cases old focus, Shelburne district.

No new cases, no deaths; 1 case on Gailard plantation from local focus; 2 cases Benjamin plantation. Think these are last exposures.